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Alberto Manservigi et al.

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For: PRODUCT CHANGE METHOD FOR A  
CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING MACHINE

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Dear Sir:

Please advise when an Office Action can be expected in the above-identified application. Kindly note that we have received no response to an application filed January 1, 2006.

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